JEFF DAVISINOT WITHOUT A'COUN-

The Southern Chieftain now with Lee and Jackson Again.

comething there was to touch th earts of all men even the brief telnic announcement, a few hour ince, that at 10.45 a. m. on the 6th inst., JEVERSON DAVIS, ex-President of the Southern Confederacy, had been taken away from the revof a whole people, dying in the arms

of "life-long friends."

The Southern press needs but ant biography for its tribute to so strious a life and character-for the history of this man was the history of his country for more than half a century, fraught with events which shaped the destines of a na-tion, and arrested the attention of the whole one lightened worlldwhen agiant passed across the stage

A cursory mention will suffiue for his birth in Christian county, Ky., his removal at an early age to Mississippi (then a territory), his graduation from the West Point Academy at the age of twenty years with R. E. Lee, Joseph E. and Albert Sydney Johnston, John B. Magruder and other subsequently distinguished Confederate leaders as class-mates, and his service in the Black Hawk and other Indian wars of that period. His early man hood was not wanting in the qualities which rendered him conspicious as a military leader in after years, and invested his name with a halo of renown from the field of battle as did as were his triumphs in the forum and the councilhalls of the nation. The captive and unchained savage, Black Hawk, saw and recognized with all the warmth of his barbaric nature, something of the winning grace and power to command in the gallant young lieutenant which afterwards gave easy leadership among men to the patriot, statement and sage.

Resigning his commission in the army, Mr, Davis devoted the priod from 1835 to the care and manageof his estates near Vicksburg, Miss.; and, as if with presceince of the consecration of his life to his country, and of the greatness to be thrust upon him, his clear mind, ex-gust 1847, and in January 1848, the traordinary abilities and varied acquerements reigned throughout those eight years in the kingdom of books and grand thoughts, that at the world's summons he might come

implicity, all convincing in the igor and tearseness of its language and style, irresistible in its depth and fervor of feeling—moved and thrilled as never before a people not unused to a display of wonderful ifts of oratory

llustrious career, do justice to the listinguished services and deliniate he matchless character of Jefferson Davis. Gladstone-"The Grand Old is eloquent, as was the great Confederate chieftain whose mortal renaius now lie in state amidst a sorrowing people—has said of him that "he created a nation;" the comrades who followed his flashing sword, the toga of a legislator, he put himself at the head of his immortal band of Mississippi Rifiles, and over the blood-bought fields of Leneria, Diabola and Monterey, he pressed on to Benna Vista and the achievement of a victory, surpassing which history offers nothing in the records of Spartan courage, the mighty valor Rome in its pristine glory, the ong Anglo Saxon triumphs, the brilliant campaign of the French Republic and First Empire-nay, nothing from Manasses to Appomattox, clothing, as that four years' of struggle did, the army of Northern Virginia with inseperable glory. With the invincible bravery of a Paladin, of which his Misissippi Riflles caught the generous ommand against the flower of the Mexican army, and by and by an by an exhibition of military genius not unworthy of Frederick the Great, Turenne, Napoleon or Lee, Santa Anna. Beuna Vista is Mismaintained his supremacy. historic shaft cemented with the

sight years in the kingdom of books and grand thoughts, that at the world's summons he might come forth master of that theory, and those principles of free constitutions all government of which he was the most powerful and consistent exponent of his time—standing in the arena of State and Notional politics at the early age of 25 years, a gladiation of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the early age of 25 years, a gladiation of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the early age of 25 years, a gladiation of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the early age of 25 years, a gladiation of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the early age of 25 years, a gladiation of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the sarty age of 25 years, a gladiation of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the act of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the sarty age of 25 years, a gladiation of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the sarty age of 25 years, a gladiation of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the sarty age of 25 years, a gladiation of the search of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the sarty and the state of the session, including the fine arena of State and Notional politics at the sarty and the sarty and

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were adopted.

Mississippi seceded on January 9th, and on January 24th, having been officially informed of the fact, Mr. Davis withdrew from the Senate and went to his home, having Davis. Gladstone—"The Grand Old taken leave of his associates in taken leave of his associates in a speech in which he defended the cause of the South, and f begged as eloquent, as was the great Con-

een appointed by the convention ommander-in chief of the army of commander-in chief of the army
Commander-in chief of the army
Mississippi, with the rank of majorgeneral; but on February 18, 1861,
he exchanged his office for that of
President of the Confederate States,

Provisional Congress whose pulses lept at the thrilling tones of his clarion voice, tell of his saving an army by the valor of a Prince Rupert and the genins of the 9th of February. He selected for his Cabinet Robert Toombs, of Capacia as Secretary of State; Leroy for his Cabinet Robert Toombs, of Georgia, as Secretary of State; Leroy P. Walker, of Alabama, Secretary of War; Charles G. Memminger, of South Carolina, Secretary of the Treasury; Stephen R. Mallory, of Florida, Secretary of the Navy; Judah P. Benjamin, of Lousiana, At-torney-General, and John H. Rogan, of Texas, Postmaster-General. The last three continued in the Cabinet as long as the Confederate Government maintained its existence. Toombs, Walker and Memminger were succeeded by others."

To us the last years of Jefferson Davis are the greatest of his long and honored life. History often fashions heroes out of very common mould and the adulation of the chronicler, the plaudits of the world and the most generous meeds to human greatness are frequently bestowed upon him who comes laden with the trophies of succass. As a vidual soldier, a hero, he threw his lawmaker and statesman, he has constitutional law and government to be found in the literature of his country. On the floor of the Senrouted and dispersed the most galate he measured swords with the inant and best appointed forces of tellectual Titans of his day, and sissippi's monument, enduring as ing the banner of a Southern Cross, perennial brass—every block of her he was the "creator of a nation," the story of whose exploits will fill men's hears as long as time itself.

THE SHAME OF AMERICA.

passing in endless succession, before the mansion of the President, the conquering military power of the nation was to lay down its arms at be done

his throat with the thin fingers of his right hand, and then recovering himself slowly, while his wasted figure towered up to its full height now appearing to swell with in-dignation and then to shrink with terror as he glanced from the Cap-tain's face to the shackles—he said slowly and with a laboring chest:
'My God! You cannot have been sent here to iron nie?"

Such are my orders, sir,' replied the officer, beckoning the black-mith to approach, who stepped forward, unlocking the padlock and reparing the fetters to do their office. These fetters were of heavy free. These fetters were of heavy iron, probably five-eights of an inch in thickness, and connected togeth-er by a chain of like weight. I believe they are now in the posses of Major-General Miles, and form an interesting relic.

"This is too monstrous," the prisoner; glancing hurriedly round the room, as if for some weapon or means of self destruction. 'I nand, captain, that you let me see the commanding officer. Can he pretend that such shackles are required to secure the safe custody of a weak old man so guarded and in a fort as this?'

'It could serve no purpose,' replied Captain Titlow; 'his orders are from Washington, as mine are from him.'
"But he can telegraph,' interposed
Mr. Davis, eagerly; 'there must be
some mistake. No such outrage as you threaten me with is on record in the history of nations. Beg him to telegraph, and delay until he an-swers.

'My orders are peremptory,' said the officer, 'and admit of no delay. For your own sake, let me advise you to submit with patience. As a soldier, Mr. Davis, you know I must obey orders. These are not orders for a sol-

dier,' shouted the prisoner losing all control of himself. 'They are or-ders for a jailor—for a hangman, which no soldier wearing a sword should accept! I tell you the world will ring with this disgrace. The war is over; the South is conquered. left to his people some of the ablest America, and it is for the honor of papers on the great questions of America, as for my own honor and life, that I plead against this degre-dation. Kill me, kill me' he cried passionately, throwing his arms wide open and exposing his breast, rather than inflict on me, and on

When Mr. Davis was Shackled at Fortress Monroe.

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The scene is thus descri frenzy can impart even the weakest secession meant war, and, therefore invalid, Mr. Davis suddenly seized did my utmost to prevent it. When his assailant and hurled him half the war came, however, it had to be way across the room.

On this Captain Titlow turned and seeing that Davis had backed against the wall for further resistance, began to remonstrate, pointing out in brief, clear language, that this course was madness, and orders must be enforced at any cost. Why compel me, he said, to add the fur-indignation of personal violence to the necessity of your being ironed.'

'I am a prisoner of war, fiercely retorted Davis; 'I have been a sol-

Hereupon Capt. Titlow called in a sergeant and file of soldiers from the next room, and the sergeant ad-

Clay and Calhoun,—His Estimate of Lee, Jackson and Johnston.

tions with Clay, Calhoun and Web-"I had peculiarly intimate ster. I went to school in Lexing-ton Ky, Mr. Clay's town. His ton, Ky., Mr. Clay's town. favorite son, who was named Henry, was killed while with me in Mexico, and he always associated me with that boy. Mr. Calhoun gave me my first warrant to West Point, and, by a singular concid went to the Senate my seat by his side, and he always seemed to take a fatherly supervision over me. While in the House I had been upon a committee charged with investi-gating the State Department under Mr. Webster's administration. He had been charged with misappropriating some of the Secret Service funds, but the investigation showed that he had simply used it to prevent the introduction of the Ashburton Treaty into the politics of the State

of Maine. I drew and chapioned the report which exonerated him. Mr. Webster never forgot that act. He was the most grateful man for ss or interest in new. He was a any act of kindness or interest in him that I ever knew. He was a great orator, but not in the sense in which Mr. Clay was. Mr. Clay possessed the grace of oratory to a greater extent than any man that ever lived in this country. His gestures, his manners and his speech were perfect. Mr. Calhoun had none of the country and the country of the houses, which were flat, were flat, were slave covered with infantrymen standing at their guns. The whole system of tenantry or get immigration to occupy and till its lands there exists the country of the system of tenantry or get immigration to occupy and till its lands there exists the country of the system of tenantry or get immigration to occupy and till its lands there is no question but that it has a greater had an original look, and as fature. Whether the color of the country of the system of tenantry or get immigration to occupy and till its lands there is no question but that it has a greater had an original look, and as fature. graces of oratory, but did have a perfect contempt for them, and his pronunciation was wretched. But no orator of the present day could influence the people or have the po-sition that these men had in those days. The newspapers have taken the place of the speaker, and a greater engine than the newspapers has superseded the orator—that is, the telegraph. People want news and information, and want it in paragraphs. They will hardly stand much more than a paragraph of ed-itorial, and rebel at anything like an

Speaking of the men and measures just before the war, he said:

"Mr. Buchanan was an able man, but a very timid one. If he had had the nerve to deal with the situation as its gravity demanded, I doubt exceedingly whether any other State South would have followed my people, through me, this insult South Carolina into secession. Had worse than death. worse than death."
'Do your duty, Blacksmith,' said the officer, walking toward the embreasure as if not caring to witness the performance. 'It only gives increased pain on all of us to protract this interview.'

The blacksmith is withdrawn the troops from Sumter, it would have been such a consider the performance. 'It only gives increased pain on all of us to protract this interview.'

The blacksmith is an expectation of secession, or if they had the ordinances would not have been passed. I was not one of those this interview.'

At these words the blacksmith advanced with the shackles, and seeing that the prisoner had one foot upon the chair near his bedside, his right hand resting on the last. met with spirit. The chance for a peaceful separation of the States

ry and civil pursuits, and shown wonderful capacity in both. He had such a grand character, such dier in the armies of America, and know how to die. Only kill me and my latest breath shall be a blessing on your head. But while I have life and strength to resist for myself and my people, this thing shall not he done. mind, such ready conception of men marvellous quicknes of perceptions and ability to deal with events. I never before, saw a single individual having so many sterling qualities. I had known him intimately many years. General Lee and myself were cadets at West Point together but Albert Sidney Johnston and I bad have much together in active of Shiloh is the only battle of which legan at the North and the mena-

offee, and wast a few moments "I alighted and went in, and while ve were talking Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston, who was then acting gave General Taylor

"Let me go with you?
"Certainly; I shall be glad to

have you.' "After our coffee Johnston and I started. When we reached the streets we found them stockaded, and only room for one horse to pass between the stockade and the buildings. Artillery was guarding the entrance and the men stood at their guns ding at their guns. The whole is no question but that it has a great scene had an ominous look, and as future. Whether the colored people we approached Johnston called my will ever reach that point is a attention to it, and said:

chief? If so, you had better show

the stockade, and, summoning the

and gave some orders, which I did not the whole family is to be support and gave some orders, which I did not understand, and we waited some to get the labor of those competent to work. Then there is also a savening in capital. Before the War, officer's attention again to the importance of our mission, and another man was sent, and then another loses nothing, except, perhaps, the While waiting we saw Ampudia's ple shall develop a proper degree of Adjutant-General coming down the thrift, and get a degree of education street. We knew that he spoke English. Johnston, in a very low tone of voice, said:

"This man cannot affect not to

nderstand us. "As he came up we saluted, and explained to him that I was there in

Johnston in an undertone

ditch the flab to my holster flew up and I informed that my pistol had been stolen by his orderly while I was with the Mexican General. It was a very valuable one, although a very plain one. It had been given to make Colonel Juhnston my com-

the Mexican General, in the city of Monterey. As I passed the Head-quarters of general Taylor, who always got up with the chickens, he he stuck his head out of the tent to see who was passing and seeing me said;

"'Hallo, Davis! Where are you going?

"Hallo, Davis! Where are you great army. He was one of WebxingHis
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"Hallo, Davis! Where are you
going?
"'1 am going to General Ampudia
to receive the terms of surrender,
which he was to have signed and
ready for me this morning.'
"'Not by yourself."
"'One man is as good as twenty.
If they mean foul play, they would
destroy twenty as well as one, and
if there is danger nothing but an army will do.'
"'Get down and have a cup of
coffee, and wast a few moments.'
"'Hallo, Davis! Where are you
great army. He was one of the
purest men 1 ever knew—a man incapable of subterfuge, evasion, deceit or indirection. He won and held
deservedly a high place as a man
and a soldier at home and abroad.
When Jackson lived, he was Lee's
dependence. He recognized Jackson's
ability as an executive officer, and
trusted him implicitly when he gave
him his plans. Jackson never waited for orders a second time, nor sent
back for instructions. After the back for instructions. After the battle of Gettysburg Lee wrote to me that he had met with a reverse, and asked me to find some younge Inspector General, came along. He asked me where I was going, and I plied that if I could find a 'younger gave him the same reply that I and abler man' I might desire to make the change, but as I had so much more confidence in him than in any other man I knew, I would not consider it. We had many oth-er strong Generals, but these were one or great leaders."

THE CONDITION OF THE SOUTH,
Mr. Davis once talked to me long
and earnestly on the condition of the South. Among many other

things, he said:
"If the South can establish a "'Have you a white handker- in a struggle with nature upon th hief? If so, you had better show that the whites are better off for the stockade, and, summoning the equally patent fact that the colored officer in the command, said:

"I am here by appointed with Ampudia. Please to notify him of my presence."

"The officer turned his back to us the officer turned his back to us r man was sent, and then another loses nothing, except, perhaps, the elay, and a third was dispatched. cost of burial. If the colored peoto keep pace with any advancement they may make, they may become a tenantry which will enable the South to rebuild the waste places and be-come immensely wealthy.

"Negroes become greatly attached to localities, and most of them love

calling an orderly to show us the were Chistianized from barbarism. In that respect the South has been ay. Johnston in an undertone a greater practical missionary than a greater practical missionary than all the society missionaries in the world. I had an old man, who, for ing."

"I would be obliged if you would accompany us to the General's presence yourself,' said I.

"Oh, with pleasure, with pleasure,' he replied, and lead the way.

"As we turned and passed through peaceful separation of the States was lost years before the war. It could have succeeded when the North wanted to go, and again when Texas was annexed, but not after."

Speaking of his Generals, he said:
"Albert Sidney Johnston was the had divided his life between military and civil nursuits and shown

were cadets at West Point together but Albert Sidney Johnston and I vanced to seize the prisoner. Immediately Mr. Davis flew on him, seized his musket and attempted to wrench it from his grasp.

Of course such a seene could have but one issue. There was a short passionate scuffile. In a moment Mr. Davis was flung upon his bed, and before his four powerful assial lants removed their hands from him, the blacksmith and his assistant had done their work—one securing the other turned the key in the lock on the left.

This done, Mr. Davis lay for a moment as if in stupor. Then slow maising himself and turning round, he droped his shackled feet to the floor. The harsh claim of the bark ing chain seemed first to have recalled him to his situation, and a dealy in core saddled, took a cup of coffee and shared for the shame, the shame."

We were together in Mexico one ment would have fleted in like clock works."

"We were together in Mexico one ment would have been carried out and each movement would have fleted in like clock works."

"Stonewall Jackson was the great round. He said, upon hearing of Jackson's suspicious delay in signing the plan of his battle, and if it had not been for a delay in some of his bronze oming a growing feeling all over the South for his battle, and if it had not been for a delay in some of his bronze oming a proving feeling all over the South boat of destroyed, giving the plan of his battle, and if it had not been for a delay in some of his bronze oming the plan of his battle, and if it had not been for a delay in some of his bronze oming the plan of his battle, and if it had not been for a delay in some of his bronze on ing up, very incident of his plan would have been botted out without the sacrifice of brave men and without the said, upon hearing of Jackson's a suspicious delay in signing the plan of the sacrification. He are the first to have recalled that the province of th